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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claim 1 and ADD new claims 3-7 in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) A numerical controller for performing a superposing control to control motion of a slave axis parallel to a master axis for moving a workpiece, by a superposed motion command obtained by superposing a motion command for the master axis on a motion command for the slave axis, comprising:
  - means for receiving a slave-axis motion suspending command commanded by a program or an inputted signal in the superposing control; and
  - means for suspending the motion of the slave axis and subtracting an amount of the motion command, ~~for~~ commanding the master axis, from a coordinate value of the slave axis in a workpiece coordinate system set to the workpiece when the slave-axis motion suspending command is received.
2. (original) A numerical controller according to claim 1, further comprising:
  - means for receiving a slave-axis motion resuming command commanded by the program or an inputted signal; and
  - means for resuming the motion of the slave axis so that the superposing control is resumed when the slave-axis motion resuming command is received.
3. (new) A method of performing a superposing control to control motion of a slave axis parallel to a master axis for moving a workpiece, by a superposed motion command obtained by superposing a motion command for the master axis on a motion command for the slave axis, comprising:
  - receiving a slave-axis motion suspending command commanded by a program or an inputted signal in the superposing control; and
  - suspending the motion of the slave axis and subtracting an amount of the motion command commanding the master axis from a coordinate value of the slave axis in a workpiece coordinate system set to the workpiece when the slave-axis motion suspending command is received.

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4. (new) The method of claim 3, further comprising:  
receiving a slave-axis motion resuming command commanded by the program or an inputted signal; and  
resuming the motion of the slave axis so that the superposing control is resumed when the slave-axis motion resuming command is received.
5. (new) The numerical controller according to claim 1, wherein the superposing control is continued while the motion of the slave axis is suspended.
6. (new) The method of claim 3, further comprising continuing the superposing control while the motion of the slave axis is suspended.
7. (new) A numerical controller for performing a superposing control to control motion of a slave axis parallel to a master axis for moving a workpiece, by a superposed motion command obtained by superposing a motion command for the master axis on a motion command for the slave axis, comprising:  
a first unit receiving a slave-axis motion suspending command commanded by a program or an inputted signal in the superposing control; and  
a second unit suspending the motion of the slave axis and subtracting an amount of the motion command, commanding the master axis, from a coordinate value of the slave axis in a workpiece coordinate system set to the workpiece when the slave-axis motion suspending command is received.